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Statement handed by the Japanese Ambassador (Nomura) to
the Secretary of State on December 5, 1941

Reference is made to your enquiry about the intention of the Japanese Government with regard to the reported movements of Japanese troops in French Indo-China. Under instructions from Tokyo I wish to inform you as follows:

As Chinese troops have recently shown frequent signs of movements along the northern frontier of French Indo-China bordering on China, Japanese troops, with the object of mainly taking precautionary measures, have been reinforced to a certain extent in the northern part of French Indo-China. As a natural sequence of this step, certain movements have been made among the troops stationed in the southern part of the said territory. It seems that an exaggerated report has been made of these movements. It should be added that no measure has been taken on the part of the Japanese Government that may transgress the stipulations of the Protocol of Joint Defense between Japan and France.

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一九四二年／昭和十六年／十二月五日 日本大使（野村）ヨリ

國務長官ニ手交サレタ聲明書

報導サレタ佛領印度支那ニ於ケル日本軍ノ行動ニ就テ
ノ日本政府ノ意圖ニ関スル貴下ノ御質問ニ言及致
シマス。余ハ東京ヨリノ訓令ニ基キ貴下ニ次ノ如ク
御通知申シ上ゲマス。

最近支那軍隊が支那ニ接スル佛領印度支那ノ北方
國境ニ沿ヒテ行動ヲ起ス徴候ヲ屢々示シマシタノ
デ日本軍ハ是ニ對シ主トシテ警戒手段ヲ取ル目
的ヲ以テ佛領印度支那ノ北部ニ於テ或ル程度強
化サレマシタ。此ノ措置ノ自然的結果トシテ上記
領土ノ南部ニ駐屯スル軍隊間ニ若干ノ移動が行
ハレマシタ。是等ノ移動ニ関シテ誇大ナル報導
ガナサレタルモノノ如ク思ヘルマス。日本政府ハ日佛
間ノ共同防衛議定書ノ條項ニ違反スルガ如キ手
段ヲ何等執ラナクシタ事ヲ茲ニ附加ヘテ申述
ベマス。

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